

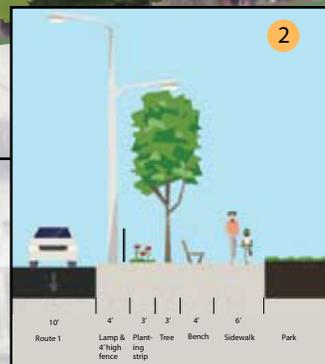
Powhatan Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)



- 1 Move playground and create planted passive area**
 The playground is currently located in the most narrow part of the park, closest to Route 1. Restoring this part of the park to landscaped open space will create a visual buffer between the park and the busy street.
- 2 Move the sidewalk within the park and create a planted barrier between the pedestrian route and N. Henry Street**
 Pedestrians feel unsafe walking along the Park's edge as there is no buffer between the sidewalk and route one. The existing chainlink fence also makes the park unwelcoming. The plan recommends moving the fence to the west side of the sidewalk, creating a landscaped buffer between the fence and sidewalk, and placing the sidewalk within the park. This will create a more comfortable walk for pedestrians along Route 1 and also invite users into the Park from the north and south entrances.
- 3 Create plaza at the end of Douglas Street**
 A formal entrance at Douglas Street will include a park sign, furniture, trash can and landscape. It will be open and visible from many angles creating a safe environment for passive play and neighborhood socialization.
- 4 Create green alley**
 Alleys provide an opportunity for green stormwater infrastructure. Their lower vehicle volumes and designs lend themselves well to pervious pavement options such as grass-pave or recycled materials. A green alley would also serve as a transition from the right-of-way to the park and capture some of the rainwater before it enters the park.
- 5 Move playground to a central location with shade**
 A playground with new equipment will be located centrally to increase access and create a destination within the park. The new playground will include equipment that promotes natural and imaginative play and shall be buffered from the street by shade structures and trees.
- 6 Remove tennis court and replace with adult fitness area**
 Currently, the tennis court is rarely used and its footprint consumes a large part of the park. When it is used, no more than four participants can play, limiting park use. Furthermore, its fence creates a visual barrier. This plan recommends replacing the tennis court with outdoor fitness equipment. There has been an increased demand for this activity in the City and the equipment would attract many park users. Its design would be open to allow visibility in the Park from all angles.
- 7 Install shade structures**
 Colorful shade structures will provide year-round shade and make the park visible from Route 1.
- 8 Provide consistent line of shrubs along the alley**
 The current shrubs provide a natural barrier between the park and alley but are inconsistent and not a complete linear line.



0 50 100 200 Feet